

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Actions Dated 11/30/04 and 03/30/05. The Amendment of 02/28/05 contained PTO 2038 form that paid the \$225 fee due then for the two month extension for filing that Amendment. A Power of Attorney to the undersigned was also submitted then, as were copies of publications cited in the application. This Amendment corrects the modes of making the Amendment of 02/28/05.

Original application Claims 1-7 have been cancelled, and Claim 8 is being newly submitted with this Amendment.

The Office Action required an election of species of different functional groups, identified as sulfate, phosphate, carboxylic acid, amine, secondary amine and tertiary amine. However, These identified chemical groups were mentioned only in the depending claims, which have now been cancelled. New Claim 8, the only claim now in the application, makes no mention of any of these chemical groups. Instead, the invention of Claim 8 lies in the recited association of the ion bearing and hydrophobic functional groups to each other and to the rigid supporting material and the mobile phase.

The undersigned accordingly traverses any need to make a selection of any of the identified "species", because none of

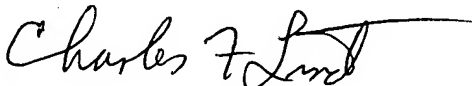
the referenced chemical groups is recited in newly submitted Claim 8.

Of related interest, the noted chemicals (sulfate, phosphate, carboxylic acid) are commonly used to provide acidic ion bearing functional groups suited to yield cation exchange, while the noted chemicals (amine, secondary amine, tertiary amine) are commonly used to provide basic ion bearing functional groups suited to yield anion exchange. Other chemicals or combinations can be used in stationary phases for liquid chromatography analysis, and their specific identifications really form no part of or restriction to the invention as now claimed in new Claim 8.

The publications cited by reference numbers on page one of the specification were identified as requested, with copies of each submitted with the Amendment of 02/28/05.

Favorable consideration of the application as now presented is requested. The undersigned would welcome the examiner's call if such could help in the examination and prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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